AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A process for preventing or treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of a composition comprising (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a component selected from caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, to a subject in need thereof, wherein systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, or both is reduced.

12. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

14. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic and diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

21. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein (b) is caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein (b) is chlorogenic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein (b) is caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein (a) is ferulic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein (a) is an ester of ferulic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the effective dose of (a) ranges from 0.001 to 10 g per day per.

27. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the effective dose of (a) ranges from 0.005 to 5 g per day per.

28. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the effective dose of (a) ranges from 0.01 to 0.5 g per day per.

29. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the effective dose of (b) ranges from 0.001 to 10 g per day per.

30. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the effective dose of (b) ranges from 0.005 to 5 g per day per.

31. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the effective dose of (b) ranges from 0.01 to 0.5 g per day per.

32. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) ranges from 0.01 to 50.

33. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the weight ratio of (a) to (b) ranges from 0.01 to 5.

34. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the total amount of (a) and (b) administered per day ranges from 0.001 to 20 g.

35. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein the total amount of (a) and (b) administered per day ranges from 0.005 to 10 g.

36. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein said administering is orally.

37. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein said administrating is parenterally.

38. (New) The process of Claim 11, wherein said process further comprises adding said composition to a food or beverage prior to said administering.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 7, 9, and 10 were previously canceled.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 14-19 are canceled herein.

Claim 11 has been amended.

Claims 20-38 have been added.

Support for the amendment of Claim 11 is provided by original Claims 11-13. New Claims 20-38 are supported by pages 6-12 of the specification and further supported by the Examples.

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.